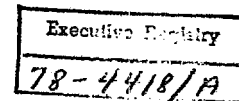




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27 FEB 1978

Honorable Robert F. Drinan  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Drinan:

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I am writing in response to your letter of 29 January 1978, inquiring about the status of a claim for damages submitted by your constituent [redacted]. You may recall that former Director Colby wrote to you in June 1975 concerning the mail opening program that was terminated in May 1973 and the unfortunate incident involving [redacted]. A copy of that letter is enclosed.

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Several lawsuits have been filed against the Agency in connection with the mail opening program. Three of the lawsuits have resulted in judgments favorable to the government. In August 1977, however, a case involving the program was decided against the government in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and that decision is now on appeal. Pending the outcome of the appeal, we have deferred decision on [redacted] claim and on other similar pending claims.

We are advising [redacted] of the above.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

STANSFIELD TURNER

Enclosure

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January 29, 1978

Admiral Stansfield Turner  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

OLC #78-0421

Dear Admiral Turner:

Several months ago, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

submitted a claim for damages to your agency for un-  
lawful mail openings. He has not received any response  
from the CIA on that claim.

I would appreciate your advising me of the status  
of that claim and when you expect to process it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cordially,

*Robert F. Drinan*

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